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MMB Docket No. 1671-0171

J&J Reference: DEP 633

In re patent application of: Heldreth et al.

Serial No. 10/017,617

Filing Date: December 14, 2001

Examiner: A. Ramana

Group Art Unit: 3732

For: **Prosthesis Evaluation Assembly and Associated Method**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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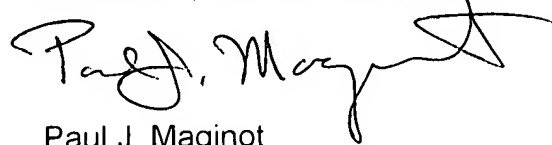
Sir:

In connection with the Office Action dated October 2, 2003 in the above-entitled application, Applicant respectfully requests a two (2) month extension in which to file a response, from January 2, 2004 to March 2, 2004.

The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is submitted herewith. Also, please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. Also included herewith is a Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time, and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

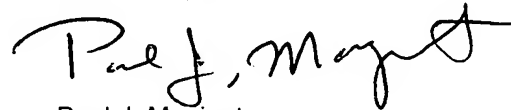
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Total Claims	24	33	0 X 18	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	5	0 X 86	\$ 0.00

Total Additional Fee Required \$ 0.00

- * Our check in the amount of \$ 600.00 is enclosed to cover (i) the fee for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time (\$420), and (ii) the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (\$180).
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